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SUBJ: NARCOTICS TRAINING FACILITIES IN BURMA

REF: (A) RANGOON A-006 NCAP FY-77, (B) STATE 284346

1. THE GUB'S POSITION ON NARCOTICS TRAINING REMAINS AS REPORTED IN
REF A: THERE IS NO CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED INTERST IN DIRECT BI-
LATERAL NARCOTICS TRAINING ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES. CON-
CERNED BURMESE OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE THAT APPROPRIATE TRAINING IN SOME
CASES IS ONLY AVAILABLE OR IS MOST READILY AVAILABLE FROM THE UNITED
STATES, BUT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS DEMAND THAT THE UNITED NATIONS
ACT AS THE SPONSOR OF RECORD.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION UPDATES THE CURRENT IN-COUNTRY NARCOTICS
CONTROL TRAINING PROGRAM AND IS KEYED TO THE QUESTIONS IN REF B
PARA 5:

A. BOTH THE PEOPLE'S POLICE FORCE (PPF) AND CUSTOMS ARE
RUNNING NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAMS.

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B. PROGRAMS ARE ESSENTIALLY IN-SERVICE EFFORTS WITH RECIPIENTS

OF UN TRAINING PASSING ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE TO POLICE AND CUSTOMS
OFFICERS FROM DIVISION AND TOWNSHIP LEVELS, WHO IN TURN ARE EX-
PECTED TO SHARE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED WITH LOCAL-LEVEL COLLEAGUES.
TO DATE, PPF AND CUSTOMS HAVE EACH CONDUCTED THREE IN-SERVICE WORK-

SHOPS WITH 50 TO 75 STUDENTS IN EACH COURSE.

D. INSTRUCTIORS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL INCLUDE SIX POLICE AND
FOUR CUSTOMS OFFICERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED UN TRAINING IN GENEVAJ

F. ALTHOUGH INCOMPLETE, AVAILABLE FIGURES ON ARRESTS AND
SEIZURES INDICATE THAT GUB EFFORTS DIRECTED AT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS
ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY SUCCESSFUL.

H. THE MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE US CAN MATERIALLY ASSIST
LOCAL TRAINING EFFORTS BY THE PROVISION OF TRAINING AIDS AND
SUPPLIES TO THE PPF AND CUSTOMS. WE BELIEVE THESE AGENCIES WOULD
READILY RECEIVE SUCH SUPPORT IF CHANNELED THROUGH THE LOCAL UNFDAC
OFFICE. PARTICULARLY NEEDED ARE AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS RELATED TO
LAW ENFORCEMENT ASPECTS OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING INCLUDING FILMS
AND SLIDES AND CORRESPONDING CASSETTES ALONG WITH MOVIE AND SLIDE
PROJECTORS AND CASSETTE PLAYERS. THE BURMESE BELIEVE THAT
TRAFFICKERS WILL INCREASINGLY ATTEMPT TO MOVE NARCOTICS THROUGH
RANGOON INTO WORLD MARKETS, A CONCERN WE SHARE. BURMESE AUTHORI-
TIES ARE AWARE OF THE NEED TO BEEF UP PORT AND AIRPORT OPERATIONS
AND RECOGNIZE THAT EXISTING TRAINING COURSES WOULD BE STRENGTHENED
WITH THE ADDITION OF MATERIAL DESIGNED TO SHOW INSPECTORS AND
OFFICERS HOW TO DETECT AND PREVENT NARCOTICS SHIPMENTS.

I. IT IS NOT FEASIBLE FOR THE BURMESE TO PROVIDE NARCOTICS TRAIN-
ING FOR NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

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